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I-17 on-ramp, Deer Valley Road to close for construction

Northbound on-ramp at Yorkshire Drive/Utopia Road to reopen

PHOENIX – Continued progress on I-17 in the North Valley will require upcoming on-ramp and road closures at Deer Valley Road as part of major improvements along this busy stretch of freeway.

The Arizona Department of Transportation says the northbound I-17 on-ramp at Deer Valley Road will close starting at 10 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 10) and will remain closed until late 2009 while crews build new lanes on I-17 and reconstruct the ramp. Drivers can use the northbound I-17 entrance ramp at Pinnacle Peak Road as an alternate route. Drivers also will be able to use the on-ramp at Yorkshire Drive/Utopia Road when it reopens Jan. 12.

Northbound I-17 will also be closed overnight between Rose Garden Lane and Happy Valley Road from 10 p.m. Saturday until 9 a.m. Sunday (Jan. 11) as crews shift traffic to new lanes that have been constructed. Overnight I-17 traffic will be detoured onto the frontage road. The Loop 101 on-ramps to northbound I-17 will also be closed overnight. Drivers may use 19th and 35th avenues as detours to access northbound I-17 from Loop 101.

Meanwhile, the existing bridge on southbound I-17 at Deer Valley Road will be demolished Jan. 10-12 to make way for a new bridge that will accommodate the additional lanes on I-17; the northbound bridge will be demolished Jan. 17-19. The following closures of Deer Valley Road between 23rd and 27th avenues will be required to safely complete the demolition:

- Saturday, Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. – Monday, Jan. 12 at 5 a.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. – Monday, Jan. 19 at 5 a.m.

During the road closures, eastbound traffic on Deer Valley Road will use 27th Avenue or the southbound frontage road to Rose Garden Lane and return to Deer Valley Road on 19th Avenue or the northbound frontage road. Westbound Deer Valley Road traffic will use 19th Avenue or the northbound frontage road to Pinnacle Peak Road and return to Deer Valley Road on 35th Avenue or the southbound frontage road.

It is important to note that business access on Deer Valley Road will remain open and detours will be in place to guide drivers.

Drivers also are reminded that the southbound I-17 off-ramp at Deer Valley Road is closed until fall 2009, and the southbound I-17 on-ramp at this location is closed until spring 2009 for reconstruction work.

ADOT advises drivers to allow extra time when traveling through the I-17 construction zone north of Loop 101.

More information about I-17 improvements, including maps and timetables, can be found at www.ValleyFreeways.com or by calling the I-17 hotline at 480.890.3055. Drivers are encouraged to sign up for ADOT's weekly I-17 email alerts regarding construction-related restrictions. For a complete listing of freeway and highway restrictions across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information site or call 5-1-1.

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